



Lt. Governor Skillman Celebrates Grand Opening of Cloverdale POET Plant

Last week, I traveled to Cloverdale and joined leaders from POET for the grand opening of Indiana's 13th ethanol plant. POET's investment represents an important economic boost for the region and a big step toward energy independence and cleaner, more efficient fuel.

When the Governor and I assumed office in 2005, Indiana had just one ethanol plant. Today, thanks to companies like POET, we have thirteen completed ethanol plants.

These plants produce more than 1.1 billion gallons of ethanol every year, and we are continually adding to our number of biofuels pumps. Indiana now has more than 100 E85 pumps in cities and towns across the state, making it easier than ever to own a flex-fuel vehicle.



Lt. Governor Skillman speaks at the grand opening of POET's Cloverdale ethanol production facility. (Also pictured: POET Executives Dave Brooks and Tom Buis; Lane Ralph, representing the office of Senator Richard Lugar)

Biofuels and the agriculture industry are the building blocks of our future. They are also natural strengths for rural Indiana, and I am personally encouraged to see the positive impact bioenergy is having on our small cities and towns. It is revitalizing Indiana's rural economy. Communities like Alexandria, Portland, North Manchester, and now Cloverdale, are right in the middle of a huge economic footprint.

Our state is the fifth largest producer of corn in the US, and our geographical position is perfect to meet the growing national demand for renewable energy. Add to that our skilled workforce, and you have the future of fuel in our state and our nation.

Indiana's newest ethanol plant is another important step in our journey to a complete economic comeback.

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